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Good Road News

Road construction on an extensive scale is being undertaken by the State Highway Department. The cost of labor and material out is steadily declining, and indications are that the early spring and summer months will see more state road projects under way than at any time since the establishment of the state system in July 1914.

Figures today obtained at the office of Commissioner G. L. Coleman showed a total fund from all sources, of \$4,081,101, \$7, available for new construction work for 1921. The figures apply to construction work only, as distinguished from funds available for maintenance and county aid work.

All of the available fund for new construction will be contracted for within the next four months. Commissioner Coleman announced that during April and May bids will be asked for and contracts let for work representing an expenditure of \$2,700,000, with the balance of available money to be applied to contracts to be made in June and July. These are the funds available for new construction of sections of the state system.

COUNTY AID WORK

In addition to the funds available for new construction this year, on the state system, there is a fund provided by the General Assembly to be used in road construction in cooperation with the counties, the work being done under the supervision of local authorities on plans and specifications furnished by the Highway Department. Statistics revealed by the Department show a total of \$1,800,000 available for this purpose, provided the counties meet the appropriations made by the Legislature. The Assembly of 1919, appropriated \$700,000, for 1920 and a like amount for 1921. Of the amount thus provided, the counties last year expended approximately \$1,000,000, and have available under contract of the 1920 fund \$188,000 state money which will represent an expenditure of approximately \$400,000. The \$700,000 appropriation for 1921 was made available March 1.

MAINTENANCE FUNDS

Officials of the Department estimate that there will be available for maintenance work during 1921, from the automobile tax a total of \$1,232,000. Of this amount, about \$230,000, will be used for resurfacing old roads, and saving the money already invested by the counties. There was available for maintenance and resurfacing for 1920 two thirds of the automobile tax, amounting to \$1,167,280.75. Under the provisions of the maintenance the Department has taken over, all told, 1855 miles, which it is now maintaining.

There are approximately 3800 miles in the state system. The Commissioner is authorized by statute to take over from time to time such sections of this system, now maintained by counties, as, in his judgment, are in a maintainable condition. Commissioner Coleman stressed the fact that until roads are actually taken over by the department the local authorities are responsible for their condition.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

We also obtained today from the Commissioner's office statistics showing appropriations, expenditures and mileage for the three year period 1919, 1920, 1921. The figures show total funds of \$8,505,466.25, as shown in the following table:

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000.00. 1 mill tax, collected December, 1919 \$1,269,994.19 One third auto tax 1920 \$583,460.39. 1 mill tax, collected December 1920 \$1,375,000.00. General Appropriation, 1920 \$682,750.00. General Appropriation, 1921 \$504,500.00. Convict labor, equipment, contribution, prior to 1920 \$43,291.43. Convict labor 1920-21 \$143,230.27.

In addition to the funds listed in the table, there was available for Virginia under the Federal Aid Act, for the period from July 1916, to July 1921, a total of \$5,451,730.28. During the period of the World War, however, no federal funds were given for highway construction. The appropriations for 1917 and 1918, therefore, were carried over and made available during 1919 and 1920.

From state and federal appropriations the State Highway Department had let to contract and had under way or completed, as of March 1, 650.4 miles, representing a cost of \$8,249,123. Of this mileage there had been actually completed as of March 1, 458.77 miles, which had cost \$5,121,815, leaving 191.27 miles under contract, to cost \$3,127.308. The figures in the table, added to the Federal Aid funds, show a total sum available for the three years of \$12,537,226.57. There has already been actually expended, the records show \$5,121,815 with \$3,127,308 under contract, making a total of \$8,249,123 leaving available \$4,081,101-57 for new construction in 1921 practically all of which will be under contract by mid summer.

The policy of the Department is to let contracts for maintenance and county aid work.

Commissioner Coleman said, would continue to be one of preserving, wherever possible, roads previously constructed by the state, and to make use, wherever possible, of materials available locally.

OUR HEALTH

The free tuberculosis clinic held in Halifax county by the Virginia Tuberculosis Association proved a great success and demonstrates the popularity of these examinations for the early detection of the disease.

Dr. T. N. Davis, clinician of the Lynchburg Health Department, served as diagnostician, under the auspices of the State Board of Health.

Free clinics were staged in Clover, Ross, Virginia and South Boston. A total of 145 patients were examined, and 143 number 14 active cases and 3 suspected cases were reported.

The history of these cases will be reported to the family physician of each patient and the successful combatting of the disease will commence at once.

In addition to the above, many cases of infected tonsils and decayed teeth were reported. The correction of such defects will greatly add to the physical well-being of those constructed and bring happiness to many who have not known the cause of their run down condition.

The success of such an enterprise always rests largely in the wise and efficient help of local organizations, and too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Kolbe Curta, Health Officer of Halifax county, for his splendid co-operation, as well as the doctors of the county who gave their utmost support throughout the duration of the clinic.

BUCKINGHAM

Just as food stuffs become plentiful and cheap bad men seem to have begun stealing.

Two negroes charged with robbing a store at Arvonia are lodged in jail here.

Commonwealth's Attorney, E. W. Hubbard accompanied by his wife has come to the county after spending the winter in Richmond.

The lines are being closely drawn between the two candidates for the legislature in this system, now maintained by counties, as, in his judgment, are in a maintainable condition.

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close on April 23rd and people who should be planting corn are stripping tobacco and getting it ready for market.

Mr. H. C. Grosselose, professor of agriculture in the high school here took 3 car loads of students to Farmville last Friday. The citizens and students got busy here on last Thursday and cleaned up the school grounds and made a nice drive in front of the school building, the ladies of the Civic League had a nice dinner for those who worked.

Mr. Leon W. Jones is making a new building on the old Barrack property here.

Professor Turner owing to the press of business at his home has given up his school work at St. Andrews school.

Mrs. M. E. Carter has been making over an average of 25 suits a day at Bethlehem school.

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week end with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Haga.

Nellie Holycross

On last Thursday morning April 7th, while the golden sun was sending his rays across the globe, the spirit of Nellie Mae Holycross took its flight to that unknown world. She was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holycross. While her death was expected many hearts are wrung. Nellie had not been sick very long and a few days before death she seemed to rally and was hopes for her recovery, but that dreadful disease had too strong a hold upon her and God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call her home. While yet in love with life, enraptured by the world she passed to the eternal portals. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her and will be greatly missed but let us dwell on the thought that she is with her Heavenly Father in that home above.

On the evening of April 8th she was laid to rest in the burying ground at the home of her father, a man a large crowd of friends and relatives. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Kelly Hobbs, pastor of her church assisted by Rev. John son of Pamplin, and Mr. Moser, of Prospect.

A colored man who started from here to Farmville with a load of tobacco took the wrong road to Sheppards and went to Prospect in the night and then had to turn around and come back to Sheppards to get on the right road.

People who banked their money when it was coming may nest on their ears and live easy now, that they can buy things so cheap.

A Friend.

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